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(amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the vector comprises a VanR-responsive 18.

promoter operatively coupled to the vanA antisense molecule.

(amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the wanH promoter is contained on an 22.

enterococcus vector and enhancing expression comprises introducing into the organism an amount of the vector to express an amount of the vanH promoter sufficient to bind to

phosphorylated VanR and thereby reduce vancomycin resistance in the organism.

(amended) A vector comprising an isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 24. 27.

(amended) An isolated vancomycin resistant organism comprising a vector of claim 27. 29.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims to eliminate multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been added.

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